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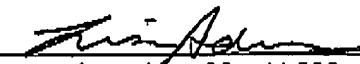
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicants submit herewith a copy of a Terminal Disclaimer previously filed on September 17, 2004 for the above-referenced patent application.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants if such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

The owner, Ethicon, Inc., of one-hundred percent interest in the instant application Serial No. 10/629,978 and in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,660,023 and 6,527,794, hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of United States Patent Nos. 6,660,023 and 6,527,794, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to United States Patent Nos. 6,660,023 and 6,527,794, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

The owner does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application prior to the expiration date of the full statutory term of United States Patent Nos. 6,660,023 and 6,527,794, in the event that any such patent later lapses for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(a), has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, or is otherwise terminated prior to the expiration of its statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

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The undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents pertaining to the rights of the owner to file this Disclaimer and certifies that, to the best of her knowledge and belief, the above-identified application was, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same person. The undersigned, as an attorney of record for the owner, is authorized to execute this document on behalf of the owner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$110.00 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.20(d) to Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 22956-234.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 17, 2004



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